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Mural leads to more work for young artists

AN EYE-CATCHING mural surrounding a community's meeting place has led to more success for the artists.

Painted last year by teenagers in the area and co-ordinated by Josan Race, a community mobilisation officer, the depictions of different versions of Alice in Wonderland at Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place have led to the residents' association requesting paintings in the underpasses.

Work on an underpass between Tinkers Bridge and Netherfield will start at Easter.

We're in the money

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS AND ADAM GRINSELL

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Council cabinet's allowances top £195,000 a year

IT HAS emerged the leader of Milton Keynes Council has received almost £40,000 in allowances – on the day its cabinet met to decide spending cuts.

Just hours before plans to save £31million were discussed yesterday, in time for next week's final council budget meeting, the full list of councillors allowances was published.

Leader of the council, Cec Tallack, received £39,195 in allowances in the financial year 2010/11, while the combined cost to the taxpayer of the seven cabinet members came to £155,995.

This is despite proposed funding cuts by the council of £71million over the next four years.

These measures include the potential loss of around 600 council jobs over the next three years, 20 per cent funding cuts to local arts groups this year, the Connexions service being restructured and lighting on grid roads being turned off.

Cllr Tallack said: "It's money that I receive as income for doing the job. Being the leader of the council is more than a full-time job that has a considerable amount of responsibility.

"An independent panel comes in every three years and the chairman has been in recently.

"He's looking at restructuring, so I expect he'll recommend a reduction in my and others' allowances."

However, some disagree that councillors should be paid so much for what they do.

Woburn Sands resident Mick Syme said: "If the Tories and Liberals are serious about the Big Society, then should they not lead by example and join the other hundreds of people in Milton Keynes who do volunteer work regularly for our community?

"I did not realise being a councillor was so well paid. I thought they would only be entitled to genuine expenses.

"I appreciate they do a good job but so do volunteer staff at the Citizens' Advice Bureau, special constables, youth football coaches, Guide leaders and St John Ambulance to mention a few."

Councillors' allowances are recommended by an independent panel, based on factors including the size and structure of the authority and its responsibilities, before being submitted to the cabinet and full council for a final decision.

All 51 councillors receive a basic allowance of £9,863 each, however some are paid for special responsibilities, such as being leader of the council or a cabinet member.

A council spokesman said: "The chairman of this panel is highly experienced in this field and he is joined by a representative of the public and the voluntary sector.

"MK Council members' allowances are broadly comparable with those of councillors in other unitary authorities in the south east region."

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Street smart: Junior Neighbourhood Action Group pupils from Orchard School with John McLinton and Robert Harriman

On patrol – juniors go into action in Springfield

THE city's first Junior Neighbourhood Action Group took to the streets last week.

The children from Orchard School, Springfield, patrol the area with neighbourhood wardens and Police Community Support Officers to report issues such as street lights turned on during the day, rubbish in bushes and dog fouling.

Their findings are then reported to the adult action group to organise solutions like litter picks, with the aim of getting children interested in their environment, encouraging residents to take pride in their streets and to make people aware of proper procedures.

Youth project wins approval of the PM

David Cameron's weekly Big Society Award goes to Make a Difference

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A YOUNG persons' community project has become the first in the city to win an award from the Prime Minister.

Make a Difference, which works to inspire young people in Milton Keynes to better their lives through positive action and volunteering, has received David Cameron's Big Society Award.

The weekly award was recently introduced to recognise the best examples of the Government's Big Society in action across the UK.

Mr Cameron said: "It is projects like Make a Difference that inspire me and make me more determined than ever to deliver the Big Society.

"Make a Difference is a great example of the creativity and innovation we have in this country that can deliver a better Britain."

Make a Difference has engaged more than 3,000 young people in five years and secured more than £1million in funding for numerous projects.

Its successes include the regeneration of the former bus station, the Buszy, work to improve youth offending services and setting up a youth volunteer-led disabled youth club.

Denise Davis-Boreham, chief executive officer, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won this award.

"It's an honour, not only for the organisation and staff, but for all our young volunteers and the young people who benefit from our services.

"Receiving it will not only help raise our profile and showcase the work we do but will also encourage more young people to get involved and make a difference."

For more information on Make a Difference, visit www.mad-uk.org, or http://www.thebuszy.com.

MPs differ on right of prisoners to vote

A CITY MP has voted in favour of the law forbidding prisoners the right to vote.

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, agreed with the ban that prevents prisoners from taking part in elections, unless they are in jail for contempt or on remand, when he cast his vote in Parliament on Thursday.

He said: "I do not think it is right for prisoners to have the vote. When someone commits a crime that warrants a custodial sentence, in my view, that right is forfeited until they have earned it back.

"I also believe that this is a decision which should be made by the British Parliament. The European Court of Human Rights has moved too far beyond its original remit."

Iain Stewart's view was shared with the majority of the Commons with 234 voting to keep the current ban and 22 against.

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, abstained from voting.

Fine for pair who shone laser at police chopper

TWO men who shone a green laser at the Thames Valley Police helicopter have been fined.

The helicopter, from the Chiltern Air Support Unit's base at RAF Henlow, was helping to search for a vehicle following an attempted burglary on January 3 when the laser was shone at it at about 4.40pm. The crew directed officers on the ground to a house in Heelands where two men were arrested.

Shannon Nunzio De Maio, 23, of North Ninth Street, and Kishan Chudasama, 21, of Wealdstone Place, Springfield, both admitted a charge of endangering an aircraft and were sentenced at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday.

Both men were fined £120 and ordered to pay a £15 victim surcharge and £85 costs. Magistrates also ordered the destruction of the laser pen used in the incident.

Doug Mackay, Chiltern Air Support Unit executive officer, said: "Shining a laser at an aircraft could, in the worst case scenario, result in it crashing."

Plans on cards for undergraduate uni

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PLANS to create a university for the city are being drawn up.

Councillors have been speaking to central Government about their plans to develop University Centre Milton Keynes, in Silbury Boulevard, CMK, into an official undergraduate university.

In a council meeting last Tuesday, council leader Cec Tallack explained it is important for the city's growth, as people aged 18 to 24 and their skills wouldn't be lost to other areas.

Speaking to MK NEWS, he said "We've done a lot of work, talking to Government. The university centre is working towards it and we have been talking to people in Government about it being an objective.

"The issue is we lose people in the 18 to 24 age group, with a lot of those people leaving Milton Keynes to go to university and we're not getting a compensating number coming in. It gives us an economic problem.

"We need students to do their undergraduate studies in Milton Keynes, which would prevent people of that age of high potential leaving and it would draw in other people which would contribute to the skills base. We have got the issue on the agenda and when the economy starts to grow again it's a top priority."

Professor Keith Straughan, dean of University Centre Milton Keynes, said it is looking at models of how the university will be set up and beginning to implement some of its ideas.

He said: "We're setting up an innovation gateway that helps develop partnerships between ourselves and other organisations, helping us to do stuff on the ground to make this happen.

"We're not a fully-fledged university yet, but watch this space."

Teachers join with children at Greenleys First School in a world record signing event

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Fairer voting stall

A CAMPAIGN took place to promote the Alternative Vote system on Saturday morning.

The YES! To Fairer Votes Action Group held a stall outside the central library in preparation for the national voting system referendum on May 5.

Woman on fraud charge

A WOMAN is due to appear in court next week accused of defrauding a 93-year-old.

Debora Ann Sutton, 51, of Arncliffe Drive, Heelands, has been charged with two counts of fraud in connection with £11,271 taken from the pensioner.

She has been released on bail and is due to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court next Wednesday.

New jobs at grill

EXTRA jobs will be created when a new Harvester Salad and Grill opens in the city centre next month.

Fifty bar, waiting and kitchen staff will be recruited at the restaurant, which is due to open at Xscape on March 29.

Young musician quest

A COMPETITION to find the city's finest young musician will take place on March 23.

The winner will receive a trophy and compete in the Rotary Club National Young Musician of the Year. Tickets to the competition, at the Chrysalis Theatre at 7pm, cost £8.

Record breakers

MORE than 1,600 city children rewrote the record books while raising thousands of pounds for charity.

Thirteen schools in Milton Keynes took part in the Sign2Sing event last Wednesday, signing and singing the 70s hit I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing.

They included Greenleys First School in Wolverton, Ashbrook School in Two Mile Ash, Chestnuts Primary School in Bletchley and Great Linford Primary School.

They raised at least £3,000 for SignHealth – a healthcare charity for deaf people.

Greenleys headteacher, Sue Harrington, said: "I think it's lovely that our children were able to take part in such a worthwhile event.

"We also had a non-uniform day which raised £180 for the SignHealth charity."

More than 102,000 children in Britain and the Falklands took part in the event, breaking the former world record of 13,418.

Teacher of the deaf at Chestnuts Primary School, Lynn Samwell-Smith, said: "The sight of our 248 children signing the song in 'perfect harmony' is one that will be remembered for a very long time."

Young designer's catwalk call

A YOUNG fashionista's designs will be showcased at London Fashion Week.

Emily Booker, 20, formerly of Great Horwood, has made it to the finals of a competition run by charity Fashion Awareness Direct.

At the finals, taking place at a sub-venue at London Fashion Week on Tuesday, Emily will have her designs displayed on a catwalk.

The Bath University student said: "To be selected is an absolute dream. To say I have shown at such a major event, on a catwalk at London Fashion Week aged just 20 is something I never thought I would get the chance to do."

At the final, 15 student designers will present two forward-thinking outfits inspired by a physical or fictional place under the theme of escape.

The winner, to be announced on the evening of the finals, will receive £2,000 and a top industry placement. Two runners-up will also receive £1,000 and a work placement.

London Fashion Week debut for designer Emily Booker

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Resist reforms to the National Health Service

SIR – John Needham, chairman of the independent Milton Keynes Local Involvement Network (LINk), paints a chilling picture of the future of the NHS in Milton Keynes (MK NEWS, February 9).

The savage cuts over the next four years that he highlights will result in a devastating reduction in the quality of health care in the city.

This scenario stands in stark contrast with the picture painted by David Cameron before the General Election when he assured us the NHS was safe in his hands and he promised to ring fence it from cuts.

This depressing vision will be a reality even before our Government brings in its feared 'reforms' which will turn our long cherished NHS into a deregulated, privatised market place. The dismantling of the NHS must be resisted.

Those of us who remember the NHS before 1997 will recall the long waiting times for treatment, cancelled operations as the norm, hospital closures and the shabby, squalid condition of many of our GP surgeries and hospitals.

This spectre looms again unless we join with those voices in the health world and beyond that are opposing the Health and Social Care Bill.

Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

Nurseries comments

SIR – I am a resident of Fullers Slade who has a child who attends the Rowans Day Nursery on the estate. I am also the chairman of the PTA.

I would like to respond to recent coverage, both in the media and on Facebook, and to comments that have been made by Russell Street Day Nursery parents regarding the nursery provision.

I would firstly like to thank all the Rowans staff who have been welcoming and accommodating to Russell Street parents and have continued to offer the highest quality of support and care for the children they look after.

The last couple of months, since Russell Street joined with the Rowans, have not been an easy time and I appreciate the turmoil and uncertainly parents have gone through.

I, for one, fully support the campaign for Stony Stratford to have Milton Keynes Council-run nursery provision.

I would, however, like to reply to some of the comments made by parents.

There is currently a Facebook campaign to save Russell Street Day Nursery. Here, you will read a number of inaccurate statements:

1) That 'it has already been observed that there is a dramatically different atmosphere to the one the children enjoyed in Russell Street'.

The atmosphere has changed simply because there are more children in the nursery.

The Rowans Day Nursery is located in the Rowans Children Centre, which has a number of activities taking place on a daily basis which often means there are a number of families in attendance.

2) The statement that 'Russell Street Day Nursery is the only nursery run by Milton Keynes Council to have been recognised as 'outstanding' by Ofsted (The Rowans by contrast has only achieved a 'satisfactory' rating.)'

The Rowans Day Nursery was inspected by Ofsted less than six months after it opened. To use this rating as a way of promoting their cause is, I feel, unjustified.

In the article in MK NEWS on February 2, I feel the comment that parents 'are worried their children won't get the same levels of care at The Rowans after it received a satisfactory grade in its last inspection' is totally unfair and unfounded.

Russell Street staff have moved to the Rowans nursery and continue to look after the same children they had while in Russell Street.

I feel the comments made are more directed to the location of the nursery – it is located in Fullers Slade, the fifth most deprived area of Milton Keynes.

It should also be noted the Rowans Children Centre offers a number of activities on a daily basis, for example Jump and Jive on a Monday afternoon and Stories, Songs and Rhymes on a Friday morning.

These activities are free to attend for those who live in the funded area, of which Stony Stratford is part.

I am aware that Stony Stratford parents, who have children under five years of age, fully make use of the resources offered to them from the Rowans Children Centre.

Niki Chapman
Sent by e-mail

Make rents fairer by reducing them

SIR – Liberal Democrat Cllr Chris Williams appears to be looking for a pat on the back having saved council house tenants from a 6.4 per cent rent rise and giving them what he seems to view as a more reasonable, locally imposed 5.1 per cent.

At a time when people are losing their jobs and those lucky enough to still be in work are being told 'no pay rises', any increase is going to be a hardship on council tenants. And that is before the Government starts cutting back on housing benefits.

Cllr Williams states that this is an attempt by the Government to make rents fairer by bringing them into line with those of housing association properties.

In fact it would be much fairer to bring the rents of housing associations down to the level of council homes, after all a lot of the houses the associations now own were once council homes with council tenants.

Perhaps as the person in charge of council housing and a trustee of the Guinness Midsummer Housing Association he could argue the case for a rent decrease all round.

Bill Green
Windsor Street, Wolverton

Mosque application should be supported

SIR – On Holocaust Memorial Day (January 27) I was one of those who attended a memorial event at Christ the Cornerstone Church in Milton Keynes to commemorate all those who died in genocides in the last century and beyond.

The event included a range of first person testimonies, with the centrepiece being a presentation from students at Leon and Lord Grey schools entitled Untold Stories.

It was a moving reminder that, behind the appalling total of 11million people murdered by the Nazis in the holocaust, there were individual stories to be told.

Each victim was not just a number, but somebody's father, mother, daughter, neighbour, work colleague or friend.

The event also reminded us that the Holocaust didn't begin with the gas chambers, or even with 'low level' racial violence. The road began with an acceptance that a minority group was somehow inferior because they were different and that 'their' traditions and culture deserved less respect than 'ours'.

We should stop and think carefully before we throw out the application for the mosque on the Plough site.

Those who go on about our traditional values should remember that you don't have to believe something yourself to support the right of others to believe what they want and to worship without fear.

There are already two Christian churches close to the Plough site and others just a few hundred yards away in Fenny Stratford. There can be no reason other than Islamaphobic prejudice for rejecting the mosque application.

It is time to take a stand in support of our true traditional values of tolerance and diversity. I hope that all those who believe this will stand up and support the mosque application.

Martin Luther King said that for evil to flourish, all that's needed is for good people to do nothing.

Holocaust Memorial Day reminds us exactly where that leads.

Tony Mabbott
Sent by e-mail

Bottle house credit

SIR – Many thanks for publicising Stony in Bloom's support for Queen Eleanor School's Greenhouse Made Out Of Bottles project in last week's MK NEWS.

The more publicity we get, the more marks we'll gain in our bid to win gold in the national finals of the Britain in Bloom competition.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to make sure that credit goes where credit's due and to highlight the fact that it was Fiona Collins, foundation teacher at Queen Eleanor School, who had the brilliant idea of building the greenhouse with recycled plastic bottles.

Her husband Brian also gave up his free time to dig very, very deep holes in the very, very solid clay soil in which the wooden structures were placed.

Judy Deveson
Chairman, Stony in Bloom

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PUB volunteers have swapped their pints for picks, spades and hoes to transform a school's nature garden. A team of volunteers from the Talbot Inn created a wildlife garden and edible playground at Loughton School yesterday. The new edible playground has a kitchen garden full of herbs, vegetables and fruit trees, a pond has been dug and butterfly, ladybird and bird boxes, a worm farm and bug hotel have been installed. Cath Poynton, manager at the Talbot Inn in Loughton, said: "It seemed ideal that we could help out Loughton School being right next door. The new edible playground and wildlife garden will not only look great, but also provide a fantastic educational resource for the school."

Benefits beckon if nursery closes

Single, working mum could be forced to quit job

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A YOUNG single mother will be forced to quit her job if her son's nursery is closed.

Vannessa Ginnelly, 29, says she will have no choice but to stop working and start living on benefits if her two-year-old son Phoenix's day nursery is closed.

Phoenix currently attends Little Chestnuts Day Nursery in St Georges Road, Bletchley, which is one of three Milton Keynes Council-run nurseries earmarked for closure.

Miss Ginnelly said: "I'm on my own with two children, I don't drive and I work five days a week so I don't have to be on benefits. I don't want to be on benefits but I will have to be if I have to stop work to look after my son.

No choice: Vannessa Ginnelly

"If this is it, if this closes, I'd have to leave work.

"It seems the council is saying it's okay to be at home on benefits. I don't want to be at home all day."

Angry parents were due to attend a council cabinet meeting last night to protest about the plans to close Little Chestnuts, along with Fledglings Day Nursery in Kents Hill and Westcroft Day Nursery in Westcroft.

The cabinet proposal stated the total savings to the council in a full year would be £48,413.

It also said there is enough alternative provision for children that lose their nursery place through private means - something parents at Little Chestnuts disputed at a special meeting they held to discuss the council's plans on Monday night.

■ To find out the result of last night's meeting, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

Toddler, 3, injured in hit-and-run incident

A THREE-YEAR-OLD boy was hit by a car as he crossed the road on Monday morning.

Police are now appealing for witnesses to the accident, which happened at about 8.30am in Buckingham Road, Bletchley.

The boy and his mother were waiting by the roadside when they were waved across by the female driver of a blue Mini Cooper, who then continued driving, hitting the boy who suffered minor head injuries.

The driver initially stopped and told the mother she would park the car and get out, but she then drove off.

PC Faraz Vakani, who is investigating the collision, said: "The boy was lucky to have not been more seriously hurt. I would appeal for the driver to come forward and for anyone with any information about the incident to contact us as soon as possible".

Anyone with any information should contact PC Vakani on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Walk-out at house plan 'consultation'

RESIDENTS walked out of a meeting after plans to build new homes were unveiled.

More than 100 homes could be built on fields around Deethe Farm in Wavendon and the plans caused objectors to leave a consultation with developers Storey Homes.

David Hopkins, chairman of Wavendon Parish Council, said: "Members of the public turned up and listened to the proposals but when asked to sit in workshops to discuss what they would like on the site, they walked out.

"The community, parish council and Woburn Sands Town Council strongly oppose this development."

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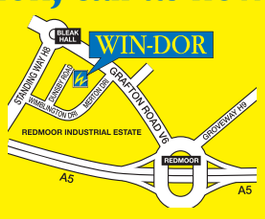

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Campaign for Westcroft PO

RESIDENTS and councillors are campaigning for a new post office in their community.

Emerson Valley councillors Stuart Burke and Rosemary Drewitt have set up an online petition for a post office in Westcroft.

Cllr Burke said: "There are post offices at Emerson Valley and Shenley Church End, otherwise you have to go to Bletchley or the city centre.

"In 1999 we tried to get a post office and my ward alone has grown since then from 2,500 residents to 6,500."

Residents Neville Soloff, 75, and wife Rosalind, 73, contacted Cllr Burke because they want a post office closer to their home.

Mrs Soloff said: "With all the development in progress in Westcroft, it astounds us that there is no post office."

The couple have also contacted Morrisons supermarket on the estate to ask if a post office could be opened there and the store has since contacted the Post Office.

However, a Post Office spokesman said: "While we appreciate the suggestion of a new branch at Westcroft, the introduction of an additional service would have a detrimental impact on neighbouring branches."

■ See the petition at www.gopetition.com/petition/40730.html.

Westcroft residents Rosalind and Neville Soloff with the online petition for a post office

Cec signs letter criticising cuts

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AN ANGRY letter criticising the Government's spending cuts has been signed by the leader of Milton Keynes Council.

Liberal Democrat council and group leaders from across the country sent a letter to The Times newspaper on Thursday hitting out at the speed of the cuts.

In it, they specifically criticised Eric Pickles, the communities and local government secretary, claiming he 'felt it better to shake a stick at councillors' than work with them.

Talking to MK NEWS this week, MK Council's Lib Dem leader, Cec Tallack, said local government authorities have been unfairly treated and hit especially quickly and hard by countrywide cuts and claimed Mr Pickles didn't do enough to help their cause.

Leader and other councils across the country write to The Times complaining of minister's unfair treatment

MK Council leader Cec Tallack

He said: "Milton Keynes Council is going to have effectively lost about one third of its budget – £71million – over four years, and this isn't untypical.

"We have to find 40 per cent of this total, £31million, by April 1.

"It's been very difficult to put a budget together that takes this out of the council's expenditure.

"We're working on future years but we have had this big hit in the first year, which has made the job a lot more difficult because we have had to do things quickly and it would have been better to smooth them in.

"We specifically criticised Eric Pickles because all the other secretaries clearly argued their corners and he doesn't seem to understand local government. He didn't manage to fight the corner at all."

■ To see the letter sent to the Government in full, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

Raise charity cash and improve your wellbeing

A CITY charity is offering residents the chance to raise money while improving their wellbeing.

Climb Your Mountain (CYM), based in CMK, says it can help solve problems such as anxiety and low self-esteem by offering exercise and educational courses.

Charlie Wardle, founder of CYM, said: "Let's make Milton Keynes a healthier and happier place. By challenging yourself and taking part in CYM events you can not only make yourself healthier and happier, but will be helping hundreds of others in the local area."

The charity also offers the opportunity to raise money for good causes by taking part in challenges such as climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and Mount Toubkal in Morocco.

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Drug growing kit found during RSPCA rescue

THIS was the scene at a house where police discovered equipment, which could have been used for growing cannabis.

MK NEWS understands Thames Valley Police were helping the RSPCA rescue two dogs which were in the back garden of the house in Worrelle Avenue, Middleton, when the kit was discovered.

No arrests were made as the occupants were not there when the police arrived. The RSPCA would not comment as it is currently carrying out an investigation.

New centre plans

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A £1.5MILLION community centre could be built on a city estate to help bring together people from different cultures.

The Sri Lankan Muslim Community Foundation-Milton Keynes (SLMCF-MK) unveiled its proposal for the three-storey centre in Fishermead at a presentation at Meadfurlong School on Thursday.

Mufassal Musthapha, secretary of SLMCF-MK, said: "Many Sri Lankans have fled from war-torn areas and have now set up a new life in Milton Keynes.

"The provision of a purpose-built community centre will go a long way towards the integration of the community. There are other facilities in Fishermead, but we have often struggled to gain access as other groups have been using them. We want a place of our own, which is also open to the wider community."

The community centre will provide a library, office space, kitchen area, meeting and seminar rooms, IT suite and recreational facilities.

Mr Musthapha added the planning application is expected to be submitted to Milton Keynes Council in the coming months and if the project is given the go-ahead, it is hoped work will begin in October. The group must raise £450,000 to complete the first floor, £175,000 of which has already been raised by member donations.

Director of MK Equality Council, Navrita Atwal, said: "By building this community centre the Sri Lankan community is putting something back into society that will serve the whole community. This long-term investment will be an asset to Milton Keynes."

The presentation was attended by the deputy mayor, councillors, Campbell Park parish councillors and Mrs Atwal.

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Car dealers switching on to electric plug-ins

'Keen interest' in cars that keep clear of fuel pumps

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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MOTOR dealerships are gearing up for the big electric car charging point switch-on.

Milton Keynes is one of the Government's three 'plugged-in places', along with London and the north east, for which the council will receive up to £885,000 in funding over the next three years to facilitate the introduction of electric cars to our roads.

The city currently has 50 recharging points, due to be turned on in the coming weeks, with a further 50 planned in year two of the scheme and another 50 in year three, which could cover areas such as Stony Stratford and Olney as well as central Milton Keynes.

Dealerships such as Mitsubishi's Souls Garage in Bletchley have now started selling electric cars.

Alistair Charles, sales manager at Souls who already owns an electric car, said people are taking a keen interest.

He said: "We've taken a couple of orders already and a few more in the pipeline. People are just trying to get their heads around the concept at the minute.

"We were asked by Mitsubishi which dealerships wanted to retail the electric vehicles and we volunteered because Milton Keynes was setting up the electric charging points.

"The cars aren't the cheapest to buy, but the running costs are nominal in comparison to a combustion engine. There's free road tax and if you charge the car overnight it's really a nominal amount to pay."

Transport boss Councillor Vanessa McPake said she is delighted private enterprises are now selling the vehicles.

She said: "They are better for climate change and fitting in with the Milton Keynes low carbon strategy."

Switched on: Soul's Alistair Charles with a Mitsubishi electric car

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A concert at MK Theatre where young musicians from MK Music Service – which has received a grant from MK Community Foundation – played aplongside members of the city orchestra

Foundation helps to fill funding gap

HELP is at hand for those community projects facing cuts to their funding.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, arts groups such as Inter-Action MK and the MK Music Service are subject to spending cuts, meaning some volunteer and community services could disappear.

But for those facing the prospect of having to reduce their services, MK Community Foundation is ready to help.

For the last 25 years, the foundation has offered membership to people, companies and organisations in the city and used the proceeds to grant about £100,000 a year to arts projects based in Milton Keynes.

One such example of its work was the recent High Sheriff's Concert at MK Theatre, in which 43 students from the Milton Keynes Music Service, which has received a grant from the foundation, performed alongside the city orchestra in front of 800 people.

Student and lead cellist Toby Leonard said: "Playing side by side with a professional orchestra is what I have been working towards since I started to play the cello with the MK Music Service.

"It was definitely the highlight of my life so far."

The Community Foundation does not replace statutory funding, but provides grants to groups like brass bands, money for lunch clubs for older people, resources for cancer support groups or organisations such as FringeMK, plus individual bursaries.

Chief executive Julia Upton said: "Our grant-making can turn a great idea into a reality and, as a result, lives are enriched, talents are nurtured and rare opportunities are created for the people who live here."

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Church group out to raise the roof

A CHURCH group is asking for residents' help to raise thousands of pounds towards a new place of worship.

The Anglican and Baptist church in Whaddon Way, Bletchley, was knocked down in summer 2009.

As well as a place of worship, it had been used for community events, aimed at both the young and old, for more than 30 years.

The group's reverend, Alan Bird, said: "The old building was past its sell-by date. It was designed to last for ten years but was used for more than 30.

"It just became uneconomical. We had a lot of things going on and there just wasn't enough space.

"We had been doing some fundraising beforehand and demolished the building to force ourselves to get things sorted."

So far £300,000 has been raised towards the building of the new church and the steelwork and internal and external walls up to the roof have been put up.

However, £100,000 is now needed to make it weatherproof so the group, which is temporarily worshipping at the Frank Moran Centre in Melrose Avenue, West Bletchley, can begin using it.

The Rev Alan Bird outside Whaddon Way church, which needs a roof

Some fundraising events have already been organised and businesses and individuals are being urged to sponsor a window.

The Rev Bird added it may cost another £100,000 to finish the interior.

"Further grants and loans have been promised, but these are conditional on there being enough extra funding to provide a fully completed facility," he said.

Upcoming efforts to raise money include a Books and Bacon Butties event on Saturday from 10.30am to 12.30pm, and on Tuesday, March 8 a pancake tea and games event will take place between 5 and 7pm. Both will be at the Frank Moran Centre.

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Tackling eating disorders

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Yvonne Hardiman

FOUR years ago, Emma Bacon had a very open and frank discussion with MK NEWS.

In her interview, she explained how, six years ago, she went from being a normal, healthy woman to someone who would make herself sick if she ate a crisp, shedding five stone in a year before she realised she had anorexia.

Emma, 33, said: "They say about 50 per cent of people who recover from anorexia fully recover and the other 50 per cent are in constant recovery, with triggers that can make them regress.

"I eat a healthy diet, I exercise, but I'm aware I still have to work on improving my self-esteem and maintain a good body image, to focus on the positives.

"Some people say they have an anorexia voice telling them negative things. I recognise it's something I have and I don't listen to it – it doesn't decide what I do. I don't live my life the way I used to."

Having beaten the disorder with counselling, which she says saved her life, she wanted to offer her advice and experiences to help others so launched BalancED MK to offer one-to-one sessions for people aged 16 upwards with any kind of eating disorder.

Set up in 2005, BalancED MK has gone from strength to strength and is now being run as a community interest company, set up like a charity with a board.

It offers a self-support group called Rebalance, held in Stony Stratford on the second and fourth Saturday every month from 10am to noon.

The group has also organised events for international Eating Disorders Awareness Week, taking place from Monday to Saturday, including Mirrorless Monday and Talking Tuesday.

Emma said: "Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental health problem – up to 20 per cent of sufferers die.

"There are very limited services in Milton Keynes, I want to change it but we are not funded by anything but our own grants, we are not funded by the PCT or the council.

"This is an international event, the idea being to get organisations like BalancED MK to promote better awareness and understanding in general."

February 25 is being dubbed Fundraising Friday, with Emma hoping to get people involved with Be Comfortable In Your Genes, with employees and pupils paying £1 to wear their jeans to work or school, and has places like MK Academy already signed up.

BalancED MK welcomes those with any eating disorder, including overeating problems like compulsive eating, which is becoming a particular problem in the UK.

BUPA estimates 40 per cent of adults will be obese by 2025, with an estimated 26.5 per cent of the adult population in Milton Keynes already being clinically obese – similar to the rest of England.

Obesity leads to problems such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and type two diabetes, with an estimated 95,000 people in the

– both at home and work

Emma Bacon and Michelle Reed, assistant head of Year Nine at MK Academy

south east already having been diagnosed with the latter.

Aside from the physical problems, obesity also creates legal and moral problems for employers, such as discrimination.

To try to help tackle this, Milton Keynes law firm Pictons recently organised a seminar for health and HR professionals. Organiser Yvonne Hardiman said employers are in a privileged position to help people live healthier lifestyles.

She said: "We organised the seminar to ensure employers understand the impact of the increasing problem, to avoid the pitfalls of discrimination and how they can positively help themselves in the work place and encourage taking healthy options.

"It's a sensitive issue, but do employers have a moral obligation to help the national problem?

"It's important that you support the employees with their health and wellbeing in the workplace.

"We had someone from John Lewis talking about how they tackle the issue before it's a problem. If you can help people realise how to tackle the problem you don't have the associated legal issues.

"I think that the subject might become more popular in the future, especially if the problem gets bigger."

■ To find out more about BalancED MK, call Emma on 07716 755804, or visit www.balancedmk.co.uk.

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Unwanted pavilion a waste says resident

A CONTROVERSIAL playing fields pavilion has been branded a 'waste of money'.

The construction of Westcroft Pavilion, on green space off Cranbourne Avenue, was originally opposed by residents as they claimed Milton Keynes Council was going back on its promise of a cricket pitch.

Eventually opened in May, it contains four changing rooms with showers, officials' changing rooms and a social area, but nearby home owners are now claiming the pavilion is a waste of money as it is infrequently used.

Nick Lewis, whose house in Wroxton Court overlooks the open space, wrote to MK NEWS saying: "What a waste of taxpayers' money that could have been better spent on saving jobs at MK Council.

"Residents didn't want the pavilion and said it would never get used, but the council went ahead.

"There have been approximately five or six football matches that have been played and not once have they used the pavilion, all of this was highlighted to the council at the planning stage."

Nick Lewis outside the little-used Westcroft Pavilion

The pavilion is run on behalf of the council by Hertsmere Leisure, which admitted there have been problems.

Scott Beattie, community centres manager for the company, said: "The building isn't fully open yet, there was a bit of difficulty in kitting it out with equipment like chairs and we've now arranged that so there will be a mini-launch at Easter. It was always going to be a staged approach.

"It is being used, although not as much as we would have anticipated. In a couple of weeks we should be ready to go."

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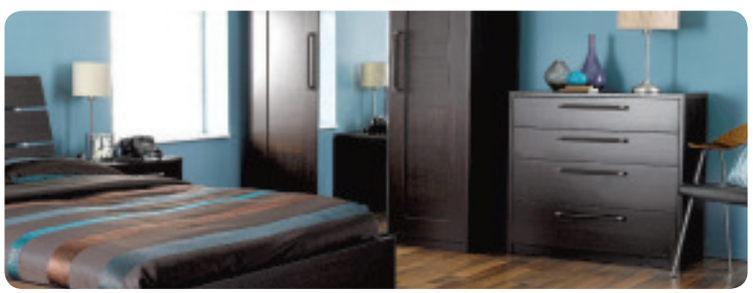

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D-day for superstore

DECISION day for the site of one of Newport Pagnell's historic landmarks is drawing closer.

A Milton Keynes Council planning meeting to consider Tesco's application for a store on the former Aston Martin Lagonda site in Tickford Street will take place on Wednesday, March 9.

Last week about 100 people, organised by residents' group TESNO, packed into the chambers at a full council meeting to protest the plans.

At the meeting, the chairman of TESNO (slogan 'Every Little Hurts') Tom Lonergan said: "Please don't sell our community to Tesco. Don't approve this Tesco application."

The same group arranged a funeral procession led by the 'Grim Retailer' through the town in 2009 to mark what it sees as the death of the High Street. It was in reponse to the first application for the site, which was voluntarily withdrawn by Tesco.

Newport Pagnell Town Council held a meeting in August at which 11 residents voted against the plans, with 62 voting in favour. But a survey carried out by Tesco at its exhibition of the plans showed 48 per cent of people were in favour and 44 per cent were against, with the rest undecided.

If the supermarket is given the go-ahead, it is expected to create 120 jobs and Tesco says the three heritage buildings on the site will be retained.

Tesco corporate affairs manager, Tony Fletcher, said: "We are continuing to work with the council and local stakeholders in advance of the application's determination. A number of local people are coming forward who support our proposals to add to the shopping choice available in Newport Pagnell."

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Priya Francome-Wood with her boyfriend Drew Puxty
Right: Jordan Wellard

Students aiming high for childrens' charity

THREE former city students will be climbing the highest mountain in Africa to raise money for charity.

Priya Francome-Wood, 19, of Castlethorpe, will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with her boyfriend Drew Puxty, 18, of Blue Bridge to raise cash for Childreach.

Last month the former Stantonbury Campus couple took part in a sponsored skydive to raise cash for the climb, which will take place on June 21.

Priya, now a student at Sussex University, said: "We will be doing the climb for six days and it will take one day to get back down. We wanted to do something amazing for charity, I've done a lot of charity things before.

"By doing the skydive on January 28 we managed to raise about £350 each. We thought 'we're climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, so why not do something else amazing?'. And it was absolutely incredible.

"We need to raise £2,500 each, £1,500 of which will go to the charity."

Jordan Wellard, 18, of Shenley Brook End, will also be taking on the challenge of a lifetime with five of her fellow students from the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts.

She too will be raising money for Childreach, which works with communities in seven different countries across the world to improve children's access to healthcare, education, rights and protection.

The former Denbigh student said: "Childreach is a fantastic charity. I never really thought of doing anything as big as climbing a mountain. I saw this opportunity and thought 'why not?'. I read up on the charity and its a really good cause. This weekend I'm coming home to do a car boot sale at the Bowl and I'm planning a charity gig at the Pitz."

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College kids help victims of domestic violence

HEALTH and social care students have been raising funds to help victims of domestic violence.

The National Diploma students organised fundraising activities as part of citizenship activities at Milton Keynes College and collected £130 by selling cakes, Valentine's cards and carrying out beauty treatments.

The money has been used to buy starter packs for MK ACT (formerly Milton Keynes Women's Aid), which provides safe emergency accommodation for women and children escaping domestic violence.

"These packs contain basic equipment like cutlery, plates, saucepans, a kettle and toaster, which people who escape abuse need when they start their new life elsewhere," explained health and social care tutor Sally Archer.

Irene Chittenden, head of services with MK ACT, said the packs will be used to equip some of the 20 flats which provide emergency temporary accommodation for families.

"Often, the women and children who use our service have to leave their homes in a hurry and abandon all their possessions," she added.

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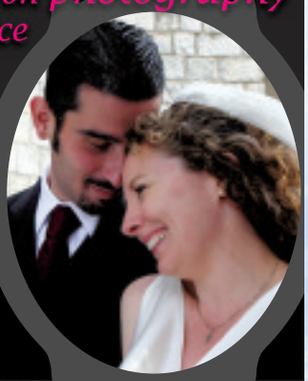

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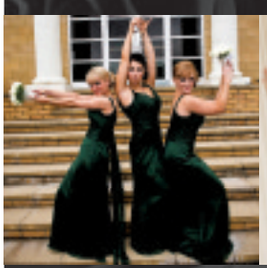

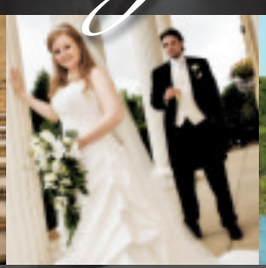

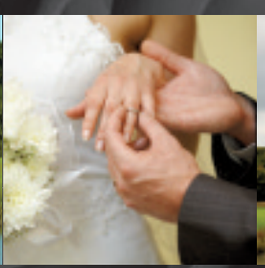

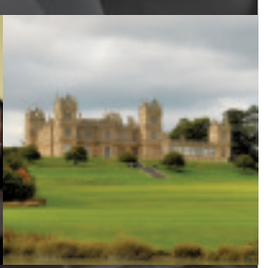

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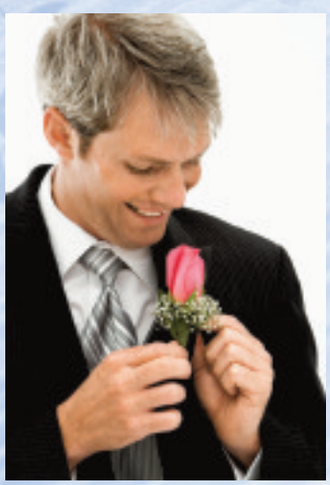

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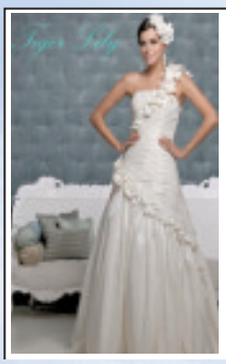

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SIMON DARNELL

IF YOU EVER COME BACK
The Script

I'VE never reviewed anything by The Script before – there wasn't any need.

May as well break my duck though, so here they are, bless their little cotton socks.

It's the same inoffensive, mid-tempo, jingly-jangly music they've always done; you know, the sort that could've been used as incidental music on a 1990s US sitcom if they'd been around back then.

However, it's the lyrics that caught my attention, especially the chorus.

Now, most people are rightly concerned about having a nice, secure home to live in, free of burglars and other assorted naughty people.

What you should do is put in a burglar alarm, bolt the windows and use general common sense. What you should not do is sing a song telling the world how easy it is to break into your home and steal all your wordly possessions.

Don't believe me? 'I'll leave the door on the latch if you ever come back', he sings.

Nice opening gambit, but it gets better. 'There'll be a light in the hall and a key under the mat'. See? You won't even have to force the lock! That's saved some time right there.

The singer even says he'll have the kettle on for you, so if you've tired yourself out from lugging the sound system out, you can stop for a brew.

'By leaving my door open I'm risking everything I own', he burbles, to which most of his listeners are probably going to reply with three words, the last of which must surely be Sherlock.

Suffice to say, matters don't improve after that. I'll be honest with you, I'm not in the home insurance business, but I have a sneaking suspicion that any insurance firm in the country would, in all likelihood, take a very dim view of people who broadcast their appalling lack of home security arrangements to anyone within earshot. Personally, I'm taking a very dim view of the song because it's a) not very original and b) not very good.

KIDZ
Take That

SINCE Take That reverted to a five-piece, their music has improved hugely. Rule The World? Yeah, right, whatever. That's in the past.

They've started taking risks again and long may that continue; take this, for example.

It's the hardest sounding single they've ever done and while it'll lose them a few fairweather fans, it'll gain them new ones because it really is so different from any single they've released before.

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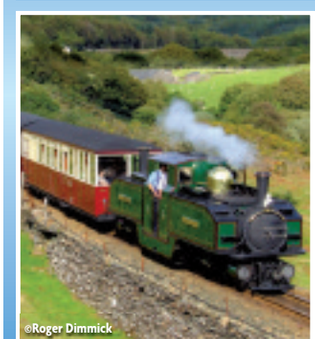

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Jack

xxx

40th Birthday

Look who's 40

Robin Bradbury

Hope you have a Fab Birthday.

Lots of love Jules, Molly & Anna xxx

Happy **50th** Birthday

STEVE

Love as always Jackie xxxx

In Memoriam

MARGARET CONROY

Mum & Nan

In our hearts your memory lives, sweetly tender, fond and true.

There is not a day dear Mum & Nan that we do not think of you.

Love Bernie, Martin, Theresa, Eugene and grandchildren

CHRIS CONROY

Dad & Grandad

We mention your name and speak of you often, no longer in our lives to share but in our hearts and thoughts, your always there.

Love Bernie, Martin, Theresa, Eugene and grandchildren

DORIS JOHNSON

'Dolly'

1st Feb 1922 - 14th Feb 2009

We all love and miss you so very much.

We have wonderful memories of all our good times together.

Our love always

Sandy, Harvy, Lols, Steve and Anna

xxx

GEORGE WILLIAM BURTON

Who fell asleep on 18th February 2006.

Partings come and hearts are broken, loved ones go with words unspoken. Deep in our hearts there's a memory kept, for a husband and father we'll never forget.

Your loving wife Lou and all your family

xxxx

GEOFFERY CRAVEN

13/02/99

Time has past but love and memories will never fade away.

Your loving wife

Betty x

EILEEN GOGGIN

14th February 1996

'Sweet Mother of mine'

Always in my thoughts and prayers, till we meet again. Love Donna and family x

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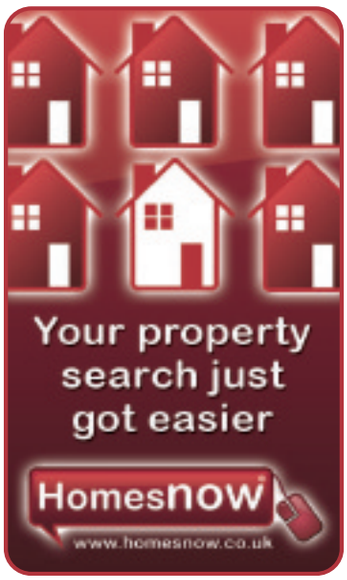

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MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Saturday. 10am-4.30pm

IF YOU don't know your Os from your Ns then this could be just the thing for you.

Milton Keynes Model Railway Society is holding its annual exhibition on Saturday.

With 14 working layouts on display there will be something for everyone – from the experienced modeller to the younger visitor.

Along with the displays, a range of traders will be present.

Other exhibitors include the MK branch of the RCTS (The Railway Correspondence and Travel Society).

Tapping into the city's historical connections with the railways, the club has been running for more than 40 years and has nearly 80 members from around the area who meet twice a week at their club nights in Bletchley Park.

They also have a permanent base in the park which is open at weekends – it attacted more than 4,000 visitors last year.

(Just in case you didn't know, Os are large scale vintage toy trains and Ns are very small models).

Tickets £4 for adults, £2.50 for children/concessions and £9 for family tickets (two adults and two children)

For further information, visit www.mkmrs.org.uk.

WILTON **HALL**

THE FRANKI VALLI TRIBUTE SHOW

Friday. 7.30pm

THE Frankie Valli Tribute Show transports you single-handedly through Frankie's musical career, from Sherry with the Four Seasons back in 1962, through the 60s and 70s as both solo artist and as lead vocalist with the Four Seasons.

Tickets £23, including buffet.

SUPREME SOUL – DIANE SHAW

Saturday. 7.30pm

DIANE Shaw is renowned for her classic Tamla Motown tribute show incorporating the very best from the legends of soul in the 60s, 70s, northern and modern soul and disco classics.

Tickets £25, including buffet.

THE SOUND OF MOTOWN – HITSVILLE

Friday, February 25. 7.30pm

FROM the makers of Boogie Wonderband, Hitsville - The Sound of Motown and Northern Soul, is an eight-piece, fully live band, dedicated to authentically recreating the songs of artistes such as The Supremes, Temptations, Four Tops, Martha Reeves and many more.

Tickets £23, including buffet.

70S PARTY - BOOGIE WONDERBAND

Saturday, February 26. 7.30pm

BOOGIE Wonderband is a tribute act that will take you back to the 70s, the era of sequins, glitter, platform shoes and outrageously flared trousers. You'll be amazed at the band's fabulous recreations of songs from artistes such as Earth, Wind and Fire, ABBA, Chic, Rose Royce and Sister Sledge.

Tickets £25, including buffet.

THE CRAUFURD **ARMS**

ALL FORGOTTEN

Plus: I See Stars
Lost Boys
WeAreWolf

Friday. 7.30pm.

THIS five-piece rock band from Surrey hope to take the city by storm on Friday with alternative screamo rock.

All Forgotten played metal festival Sonisphere last year alongside huge names such as Apocalyptica and Anthrax. Their unashamed screamo energy is fuelled by great bursts of double kick, which have set All Forgotten firmly in the local music scene under the tag 'a new band not to be missed'.

Tickets £7.

ARTS **FESTIVAL**

THE 43rd annual MK Festival of the Arts kicks off next week.

It all starts on Tuesday at The Ridgeway Centre, Featherstone Road, Wolverton Mill South, at 12.30pm, with six days of dance competitions including tap, modern, character, Greek duet and ballet, of all different ages from four upwards.

MIDDLETON **HALL**

STONEHENGE is coming to the city this half-term.

Middleton Hall in thecentre:mk will be taken back in time with a giant inflatable section of the prehistoric monument standing at more than four metres tall.

The one day event, on Tuesday, will include a variety of activities such as an interactive mini-drama, where the hands-on history archaeologists will take you through the challenges of constructing Stonehenge using only the apparatus that would have been available more than 4,000 years ago.

Nina Bell, BBC Learning Hands on History Campaign executive, said: "From children to parents and grandparents, the Hands on History Stonehenge tour will bring the ancient world to life for all the family.

"Our aim is to get families excited and inspire them to learn more about history by making it as engaging and relevant as possible."

Families will also be able to find out about ancient sites to visit nearby and get hands on with the historical artefacts on loan from the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, including arrow heads and ancient tools.

The tour accompanies the new BBC Two series A History of Ancient Britain.

A spokesman for thecentre:mk said: "We are thrilled to be one of the five shopping centres in the UK to be hosting the BBC Hands on History roadshow, it is a great event to be part of. It is set to be a really interactive, educational and inspiring event for the little historians in Milton Keynes."

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PAUL
Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Seth Rogen
From Friday
TWO best pals are travelling across the USA to visit the world's top sci-fi convention. A freak accident leads to an encounter with Paul, a visiting extra terrestrial, who is AWOL from a secret military base.

3D JUSTIN BIEBER – NEVER SAY NEVER
Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus, Usher
From Friday
THIS documentary traces his rise while giving you backstage passes to his sell-out tour.

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE – LIKE FATHER LIKE SON
Martin Lawrence, Brandon T Jackson
From Friday
TOP FBI agent Malcolm Turner heads back undercover as the larger than life Big Momma, but this time he's taking his wayward 17-year-old son with him.

INSIDE JOB
Matt Damon
From Friday
IN THE 2008 recession, millions of US citizens lost their jobs and homes. Those in the know saw it all coming without doing a thing to stop it. This documentary attempts to expose the shocking truth.

GNOMEO AND JULIET 3D (U)
James McAvoy, Julie Walters
Now showing
TWO garden gnomes fall madly in love but they are from opposing gnome clans and their love is divided by a massive feud – and a huge fence.

Nick Frost as Simon Gollings and Seth Rogen as Paul in Paul

TRUE GRIT (15)
Jeff Bridges, Josh Brolin, Hailee Steinfeld
Now showing
FOLLOWING the murder of her father, 14-year-old farm girl Mattie Ross hires the grizzled Marshall Reuben J 'Rooster' Cogburn to hunt down the killer in this remake of John Wayne's Oscar-winning classic.

NEVER LET ME GO (12)
Carey Mulligan, Keira Knightley, Andrew Garfield, Sally Hawkins
Now showing
WHEN three friends leave school they must come to terms with the sinister and haunting truth behind their existence and the love they feel for each other.

WIN CINEMA TICKETS

MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice.
Just tell us what's the name of the extra terrestrial in Paul?

Answers by e-mail to: competitions@mk-news.co.uk

Please include your name, address and daytime telephone number.

Closing date Tuesday, February 22. Editor's decision final.

THURSDAY
TOM Manning at the White Horse, Stony Stratford. An amazing voice and a classy guitar, Tom always puts on a great show. Starts at 9pm.

FRIDAY
COME all Ye Singers at The Song Loft Stony Stratford. Popular night giving local artists the chance to showcase their talents, why not give it a go. Starts 8.15pm. Tickets £2.

WOUGHTON Leisure Centre, Leadenhall Rock and Roll Night featuring RG and his Honeybees. Entry £8. Doors 7.30pm.

FOX & Hounds, Stony Stratford. Live music. Happy as Larry, male and female lead vocals and guitars, bass and drums. A versatile mix of disco, rock, country, soul, pop. Starts 8.30pm. Free entry.

SATURDAY
NUTTY about nature. Gardening for wildlife, a short course for adults. Encourage more wildlife into your garden with the RSPB advisory service. Park at Campbell Park Pavilion. £10. Starts 10am. More details www.theparkstrust.com.

THE third Bletchley seed swap, Freeman Memorial Methodist Church, Buckingham Road. Bring your own seeds or make a donation if you have none to help preserve genetic diversity and distribute varieties that are suited to local conditions. From 10am-2pm. Cost is £1. Call West Bletchley Garden Club on 01908 372138 for more information.

SUNDAY
HEATH and Reach P3 walk, starting at Stockgrove Park Visitor Centre at 10am. A six or eight-mile walk taking in Rammamere Heath, Buttermilk Wood and Aspen Farm, Little Brickhill and Great Brickhill, with lunch at the cricket club. Voluntary car park charge of £1. Dogs permitted. Call Pauline on 01525 237754 for more information.

TUESDAY
MARVELLOUS Muddy Adventure. Half-term activity for the under sevens with The Parks Trust. Bring your wellies, be prepared to get muddy at Willen. Your chance to design umbrellas, make bugs and things. Treasure hunt, animal trail and story time. 10.30am-12.30pm. Cost is £5 per child.
Park in Peace Pagoda car park.

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Send details to andy.handley@mk-news.co.uk, or call 01908 689586.

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Hairdressers celebrates a five-star first for city

A HAIRDRESSERS has become the first in the city to be awarded five stars by the Good Salon Guide.

Professionally trained and independent assessors from the Good Salon Guide bestowed the coveted award to Headonist in recognition of its highly-qualified staff and personalised service.

Vanessa Couzens, co-owner of Headonist, which is based in The Hub, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to be the only salon in the area to receive the prestigious five stars.

"We really pride ourselves on our level of service and it's fantastic to have it recognised by the leading hairdressing and beauty organisation in the UK and Ireland.

"We're constantly looking for ways to make our clients' experience extra special, from introducing new services such as this season's must-have Kerastraight Brazilian Blow dry, or little touches such as chocolates for every client on St Valentine's Day."

Meanwhile, White Label Hairdressing, based at MK2: Business Centre, has also been included in the guide.

Staff at Headonist toast their five-star success

Partner Michael Glossop said: "Our clients have come to expect the best in service and style, so we are delighted to have achieved independent recognition of this salon's standards.

"Our success has been possible because we've been able to concentrate on delivering exceptional standards, even when we were recently faced with the potential stresses and disturbances that moving location can create."

Builder will get pizza the action

A NEW £6million headquarters for Domino's will be built by a city construction company.

Buckingham Group Contracting Ltd has been awarded the contract to build the new home for Domino's, which will make up the second phase of the West Ashlands development.

Director of Buckingham Group, Tim Brown, said: "We are extremely delighted to have been awarded Domino's Pizza Group's new headquarters building.

"The Buckingham Group team looks forward to continuing our excellent working relationships established with Domino's and the design team during the successful completion of the adjacent BREEAM Excellent Commissary.

"We will work in genuine partnership with Domino's to deliver the high-profile and state-of-the-art headquarters on time, within budget and to the very high quality standards as rightly demanded by such an important development."

The headquarters will have just under 2,170 square metres of floor space and will accommodate about 150 people.

The building will provide a range of head office functions, including marketing, business development, IT, helpline, procurement, finance, admin and HR.

With the aid of the new HQ, Domino's is preparing to have 1,200 stores open in the UK and Ireland by 2021.

Chris Moore, chief executive officer for Domino's said: "We are really excited about our new head office. We have invested in this new state-of-the-art building as we have outgrown our current facility and need to plan for the future."

Sharon Henry

Move from sales to life coach

A FORMER salesperson and recruitment consultant will soon be helping others enrich their lives.

Sharon Henry, 57, from Bletchley, quit her job two years ago to retrain as a life coach and now works part time on her New Leaf Life Coaching business.

She said: "I've always had to deal with people, like when I was in recruitment I would have to dig beneath the layers to find out their real skills.

"I've always been interested in what makes people tick."

Although more prevalent in America, Sharon believes Milton Keynes is a forward-thinking city, so she hopes people and businesses will take to the idea.

A life coach is there to enable clients to take control of their lives, overcome limiting attitudes or barriers and to help plan how they can progress from where they are to where they want to be.

Sharon also works with businesses to reduce stress, conflict and clashes of personality in the workplace.

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There are three large reception rooms and five bedrooms, three of which have en-suite facilities.

Undoubtedly the main feature of this superb property is a magnificent indoor pool complex complete with wet room, boiler room, bar and sound system with several patio doors which lead out to a substantial sun terrace.

Accessed via remote controlled wooden gates, the driveway leads to a triple garage block with attached workshop and tractor shed and provides parking for numerous vehicles

The property sits in about 0.6 acres.

Guide Price £875,000. Call 01908 904222 to arrange a viewing.

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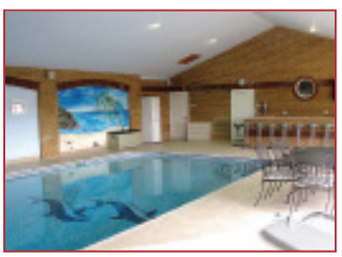

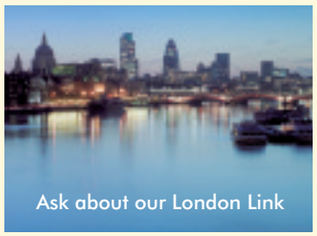

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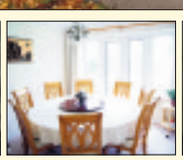
Furzton Guide Price £500,000

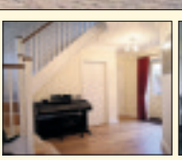
•Well presented detached residence is situated on a corner plot
•Two reception rooms •Kitchen/Breakfast room •Downstairs shower room
•Master Bedroom with dressing room and en suite •3 further bedrooms
•Off road parking for 4/5 vehicles and double garage

Caldecotte £450,000



• A five bedroom detached executive residence
• 3 Reception rooms •Kitchen/breakfast room •Utility room and downstairs cloakroom
• Family bathroom with an en suite and dressing room to the master suite
• Private parking and double garage

Hanslope £625,000



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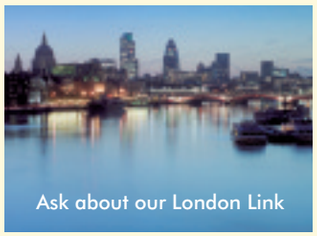

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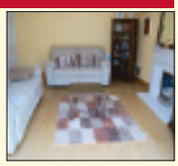
Kingsmead — £435,000



• Beautifully Presented
• Five Double Bedroom
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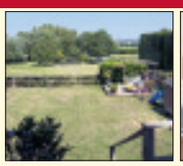
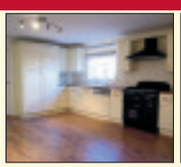
• Three En Suites
• Double Garage
• No Upper Chain

Nash — £377,750



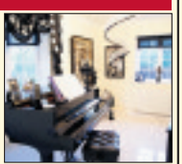
•NO UPPER CHAIN•
• Refurbished stylish family home
• Separate reception rooms
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Master bedroom with en suite and dressing room
• Mature gardens
• Tandem garage

Oxley Park — £425,000



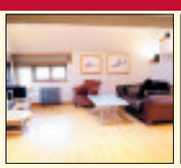
• Immaculately Presented • Beautifully Located
• Overlooking the North Bucks Way
• Four Bedrooms • Two Ensuites
• Front and Rear Gardens • Ample Off Road Parking
• Viewing Highly Recommended

Broughton — £550,000



• 5 bedroom detached house
• Stunning kitchen/diner
• Two reception rooms
• 4 bath/shower rooms
• Rear garden has been beautifully landscaped
• Parking for approx 4/6 cars
• Detached double garage.

Downhead Park — £495,000

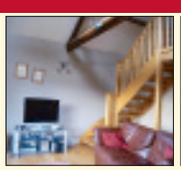


• 4 Bedroom Detached Property • 34ft Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room
• En Suite to Master • Landscaped Rear Garden
• Ample Off Road Parking • Detached Double Garage
• Viewing Recommended

Shenley Church End — £699,950

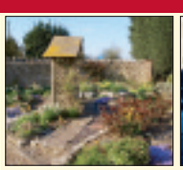
• Six Bedroom Detached Property
• Five/Six Reception Rooms
• 35ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Three Bathrooms
• Wrap Around Gardens
• Ample Off Road Parking
• Detached Oversize Double Garage
• Viewing Recommended

Hartwell — £625,000



• Glorious Character Home
• Approximately 1/3 Acre Plot
• Four Bedrooms
• Ensuite to Master
• Large Private Rear Garden
• Electric Gated Access
• Ample Off Road Parking
• Offers Many Charming Features

Sherington — £750,000



• Delightful 300 Year Old Barn Conversion
• Half Acre Garden
• Five Acre Paddock
• Four Bedrooms
• Self Contained Annexe
• Double Garage

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Downhead Park £85,000

- Extremeley Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Gardens & Parking
- Shared Ownership
- £5,000 Premium

Great Linford £169,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Bolbeck Park £199,995

- Link Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Glazing
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Coffee Hall £139,995

- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Ktchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Stantonbury Fields £139,995

- Much Improved
- Two Bedroom Home
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Must Be Viewed!

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Crownhill £204,995

- Three Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Eaglestone £129,995

- Three Bedroom
- Terraced Property
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage in a Block
- Viewing Recommended

Campbell Park £149,995

- Two Bedroom
- Apartment
- Electric Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Communal Parking

Oldbrook £242,995

- Much Improved
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen and Utility
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage and Off Road Parking

Walnut Tree Guide Price £150,000

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

Great Holm £279,950

- Four Bedroom
- Spilt Level Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage
- No Upper Chain

Westcroft Guide Price £185,000

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En Suite to Master
- Parking & Detached Garage
- Rear Garden

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Taylors Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £168,000 for 66 Kirkwood Grove, Medbourne, MK5 6FP. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Taylors Estate Agents, 439 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 2EA on 01908 678151 before exchange of contracts.

Willen £299,995

- Five Bedroom Executive Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- No Upper Chain

Kents Hill £360,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Corner Plot
- Breakfast Room & 18ft Family Room
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Private Rear Gardens
- Double Garage

Central Milton Keynes OIEO £80,000

- Two Bedroom
- Second Floor Apartment
- Central Location
- Communal Garden
- Underground Parking
- Shared Ownership

Medbourne OIEO £50,000

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden

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Fishermead OIEO £130,000

- Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Integral Garage
- Rear Garden

Broughton OIEO £210,000

- Very Well Presented
- McCann Built Property
- Semi Detached
- En Suite to Master
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage

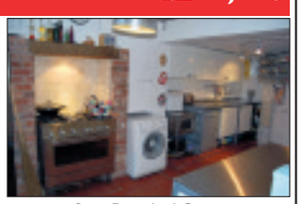
Campbell Park £114,950

- 2 Bedroom
- Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain

Aspley Guise £160,000

- Semi Detached
- Character Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Original Features

Loughton £299,995



- Semi Detached Cottage
- Built Circa 1907
- Boasting Many Original Features
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens & Parking

Milton Keynes OIEO £150,000

- Much Improved & Extended
- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- En Suite to Master
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

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New Bradwell OIEO £80,000

- One Bedroom
- Apartment
- Refitted Shower Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen

Wolverton Guide £170,000

- Well Presented Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Single Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

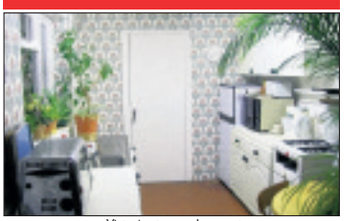
Castlethorpe £94,995

- Well Presented
- One Bedroom
- Second Floor Flat
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended

Stony Stratford £164,950

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Off Road Parking
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Double glazing (Where Specified)

Wolverton Guide £165,000



- Victorian terraced property
- Four bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Cellar
- Rear garden
- Single garage

Wolverton OIEO £157,000

- Three Bedroom Victorian Terrace
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Stony Stratford Guide Price £165,000

- Two/three bedroom
- Terraced character cottage
- Sought after area
- In need of updating
- Separate receptions
- Cottage Garden

Hanslope £199,995

- Well Presented
- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Views onto Countryside
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Greenleys OIEO £80,000

- Ground floor flat
- One bedroom
- Refitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Bathroom
- Garden

Wolverton Guide Price £150,000

- Three Bedroom
- Mid Terrace
- Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Cellar and Shower Room
- No Upper Chain

Deanshanger Guide £230,000

- Well presented
- Four bedroom home
- Double glazing
- Conservatory
- En suite to master
- Viewing recommended

Two Mile Ash £60,000

- Terraced House
- One Bedroom
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Garden
- 50% Shared Ownership

New Bradwell £170,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Double Cellar
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Garden

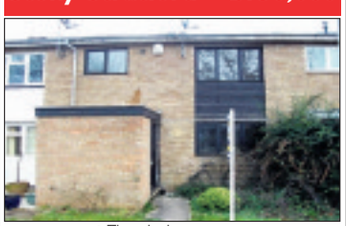
Wolverton Mill £56,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Family Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room

Two Mile Ash £110,000

- One Bedroom
- First Floor
- Maisonette
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Must Be Viewed!

Stony Stratford £150,000



- Three bedroom terrace
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Gas to radiator heating
- Gardens to front and rear

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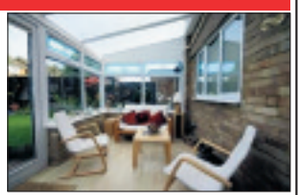
Rickley Lane — Offers Over £430,000

- Well presented and spacious
- Four bedroom detached
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen and utility
- Detached double garage
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Gardens and off road parking

The Trees — £195,000

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached Home
- Popular Location
- Separate Receptions
- Downstairs W.C.
- Refitted Kitchen
- Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

Poets — £217,995



- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

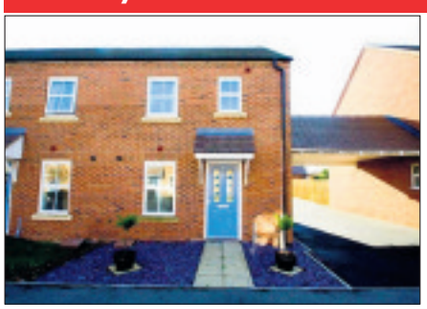
Aspley Guise — £234,995

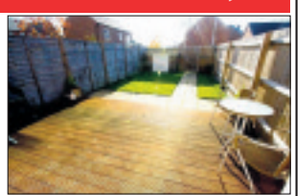
- Semi detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gardens to front, side and rear
- Garage and off road parking

Church Green Road — OIEO £200,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Family Room
- Two Ensuite Bathrooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

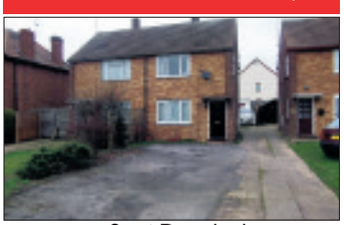
Bletchley Park — Guide £179,995





- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Allocated Parking
- Rear Garden

Newton Road Guide £159,995



- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Detached Garage

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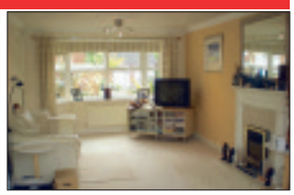
Mr and Mrs M are looking to buy a five bedroom detached property in Oxley Park. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

Kingsmead £365,000



- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens

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Mrs G is looking for a three bedroom detached property in Furzton. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

Oxley Park Guide Price £330,000

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms/Ensuites
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Internal Viewing Recommended

Westcroft Guide Price £210,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Single Garage

Furzton £215,000

- Detached Three Bedroom Property
- En Suite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Single Garage

Medbourne OIEO £50,000

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Allocated Parking
- Communal Garden

Shenley Lodge £134,995

- Well presented
- Two bedroom bungalow
- Conservatory
- Rear garden
- Off road parking
- Available to the over 50's
- 80% Shared ownership

Emerson Valley £155,000

- Well Presented
- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway

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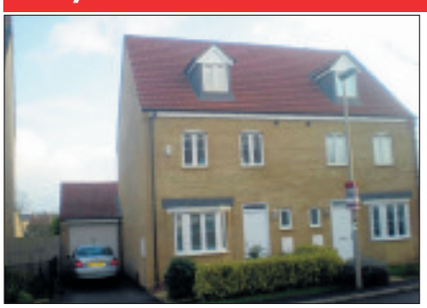
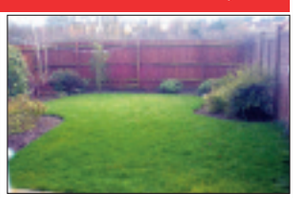
Mr K is looking to buy a three bedroom apartment in Medbourne. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

Oxley Park £250,000





- Well presented
- Semi detached
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite to master
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway and garage

Tattenhoe £150,950

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Sherington £350,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Cloakroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Oversized Garage

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Yardley Hastings £375,000

- Stone Built Character Property
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Courtyard Garden
- Brick Built Barn
- Viewing Recommended

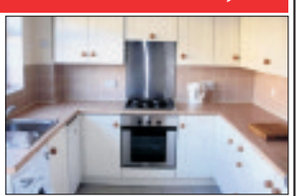
Coming Soon £575,000

- Fully Refurbished
- Four Bedroom
- Detached Residence
- Third Of An Acre Plot
- Non Estate Position
- Two Refitted En Suites
- Conservatory / Family Room
- Oversized Garage

Lavendon £350,000

- Extremely Well Presented
- Five Bedroom
- Detached Residence
- Corner Plot Location
- Separate Receptions
- Conservatory
- En Suite To Master
- Double Garage

Newport Pagnell £185,000



- Refurbished Three Bedroom House
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Deposit Incentive Available.

Lavendon £199,995

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Bozeat £190,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- En -Suite to master bedroom
- Rear Gardens

Newport Pagnell £117,500

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garden

Newport Pagnell £100,000

- First floor maisonette
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom
- Garage and off road parking

Bozeat Guide Price £160,000

- Well Presented
- Cul de Sac Location
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- UPVC Double Glazed Conservatory
- Front, Rear and Side Gardens
- Driveway and Single Garage

Olney Guide Price £150,000

- Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathrooms
- Garden

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- Easy walk to train station
- Arrange a viewing now

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- Contemporary 4 bed home
- Living room with french doors onto roof terrace
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Within walking distance to Kingston centre
- East Milton Keynes

INCREDIBLE SIZE GARDEN £449,000

- 3/4 Bedroom, detached new home
- Facing mature park land
- Rare opportunity
- Small development of just 5 houses
- Double garage
- High specification throughout

5 BED NEAR WILLEN LAKE £283,750

- Rarely available in this popular location
- Semi detached new home
- Part Exchange
- Annex style ground floor
- Excellent access to main

Omega Riverside
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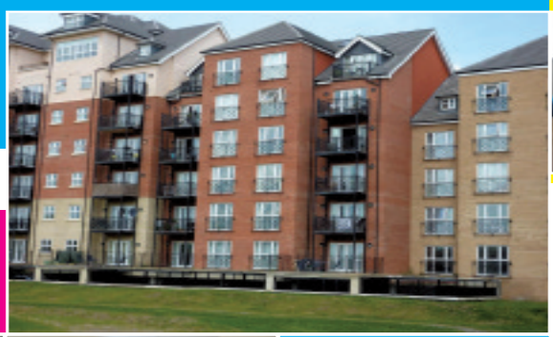
New Block Released
New Furnished Show home to view



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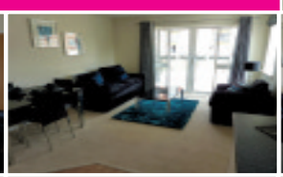

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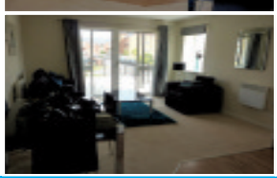

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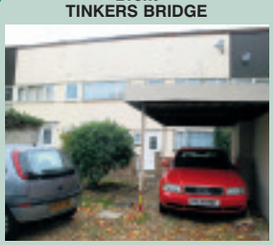

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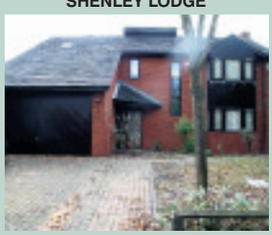

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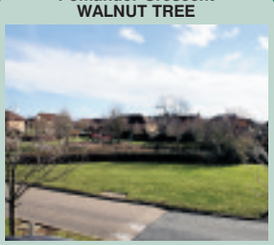

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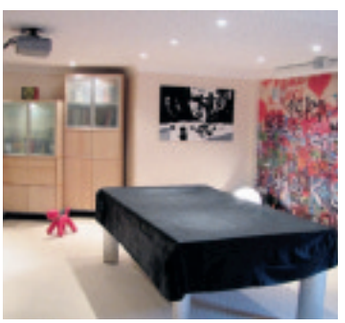

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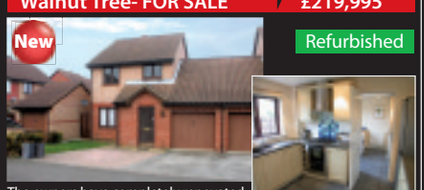

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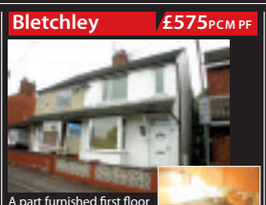

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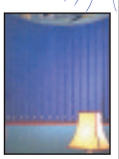

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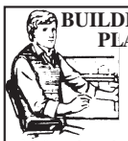

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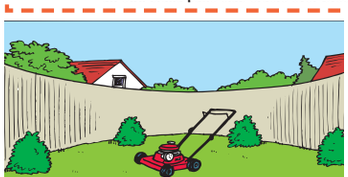

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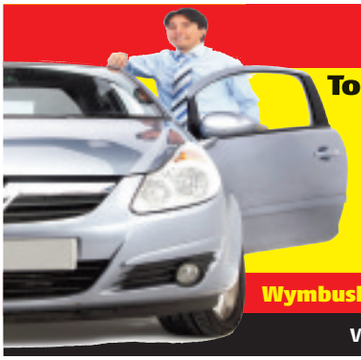

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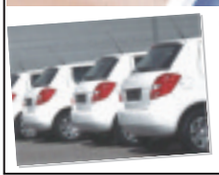

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21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC) (Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)	H	1-1
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
5	Sheff Wed	A	2-2
12	Brentford	H	1-1
15	Leyton Orient	H	2-3
19	Hartlepool	A	
22	Oldham	H	
26	Brighton	H	

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
21	Peterborough	H
25	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

ONLY one name has been on everyone's lips since the weekend – Wayne Rooney.

His speculative bicycle kick has divided most people's opinions.

First thing is first, it was a great goal. Yes it might have hit his shin but it was still a great goal.

As a manager or coach you often encourage players to try those types of things out on the pitch when the opportunity arises and fair play to Wayne, he's got the ability to finish it with a superb execution.

If you look at the goal frame by frame it is fantastic.

You have to take into account the context of the goal too, it was the winning strike in the Manchester derby.

But, I don't think it's the best goal I've ever seen.

I watched Match Of The Day on Sunday night and I have to agree that Trevor Sinclair's goal for QPR in 1997 against Barnsley in the FA Cup was much cleaner.

Rodney Marsh scored a brilliant bicycle kick when he was playing in the 1978 NASL play-offs, and I can stretch back to the days of Frank Worthington, Diego Maradona and George Best.

I've also seen my good friend Glenn Hoddle score countless great goals, and I always remember Zinedine Zidane's strike in the 2002 Champions League Final.

They have all scored magnificent goals and the great thing about football is someone is always waiting in the wings to score in even more impressive style.

So I wouldn't say Wayne Rooney's goal was the best goal ever but I think he should enjoy it and maybe we should stop over-analysing and just enjoy it.

We scored a great goal, of a different type, in our draw with Brentford last weekend.

The more explosive looking strikes tend to get the plaudits and headlines but our goal began in the left-back position with great pressure by Adam Chicksen and Daniel Powell.

Luke Chadwick stole the ball, Jabo Ibehre picked it up before Keanu Marsh-Brown and Chadwick combined.

Keanu timed his run to perfection to score a wonderful first goal.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
1	Brighton	28	10	4	0	32	10	6	4	4	20	12	30	56
2	Bournemouth	30	11	2	2	36	13	4	6	5	17	18	22	53
3	Huddersfield	29	9	4	3	24	12	6	1	6	24	21	15	50
4	Southampton	28	8	4	3	24	9	6	2	5	26	18	23	48
5	Charlton	28	8	3	3	19	17	5	5	4	28	22	8	47
6	Peterborough	29	10	2	3	45	32	4	2	8	19	26	6	46
7	Oldham	30	7	6	3	25	19	4	6	4	19	20	5	45
8	MK Dons	31	9	3	3	24	16	4	3	9	19	30	-3	45
9	Rochdale	29	6	6	2	24	17	5	5	5	18	17	8	44
10	Leyton Orient	29	8	4	2	28	13	3	6	6	21	27	9	43
11	Colchester	29	7	6	2	25	22	3	5	6	11	17	-3	41
12	Hartlepool	29	6	3	4	21	23	5	4	7	10	21	-13	40
13	Carlisle	28	6	5	4	25	18	4	3	6	13	14	6	38
14	Exeter	29	6	4	4	26	23	4	4	7	15	26	-8	38
15	Tranmere	28	6	4	5	21	20	4	3	6	15	19	-3	37
16	Sheff Wed	29	6	5	3	22	13	4	1	10	22	29	2	36
17	Brentford	29	5	3	5	15	17	5	3	8	19	22	-5	36
18	Notts County	27	8	1	6	20	15	2	4	6	14	19	0	35
19	Plymouth	31	5	4	7	19	24	4	2	9	17	27	-15	33
20	Yeovil	30	5	2	7	15	20	4	4	8	15	25	-15	33
21	Swindon	31	5	6	5	17	19	2	4	9	24	34	-12	31
22	Walsall	31	5	1	9	20	26	3	5	8	19	29	-16	30
23	Dag & Red	28	4	4	5	16	17	3	3	9	15	26	-12	28
24	Bristol Rovers	30	4	4	6	17	24	2	5	9	19	41	-29	27

Not including last night's games

Rowan Vine comes away with the ball as Luke Chadwick is hauled down by Leyton Orient's skipper Stephen Dawson

Leaky defence lets Dons down - again

FROM BACK PAGE

Lewington, on the command of 'SHOOT' from the Cowshed, put his trusted left-boot through the ball into the top corner.

Yet, ten minutes after taking the lead, Dons allowed Orient back into the game when Smith's run was poorly tracked and he finished off Charlie Daniels cross beyond Dons' goalie Martin.

Dons deservedly regained their goal advantage in the 23rd minute when a lapse in concentration by Jones allowed Ibehre to stab in Vine's low cross via the underside of the bar.

Ibehre and Marsh-Brown had chances to extend the lead but both sent efforts off target.

Frustration turned into anger for the Dons six minutes before the break when a controversial decision by linesman Glenn Hambling saw Orient again pull level.

Smith looked offside as he headed home Daniels cross, but the decision stood much to the annoyance of Dons management, players and fans.

Only 20 seconds after the interval, Marsh-Brown called Jones back into action between the Orient sticks.

Jones played his team into danger when he came off his line to intercept a through ball, only to leave the goal empty as sub Daniel Powell rounded the goalie but had his shot blocked by Ben Chorley, who was accused of handball as he denied the Dons forward.

At the other end Orient's on-loan Spurs star Paul-Jose M'Poku should have at least tested Martin with a shot from the corner of the box, yet failed to register his shot on target.

Dons were the team applying the pressure, by committing men forward they risked being exposed at the back but it was a gamble they were willing to take as they sensed three points were there for the taking.

And O's, as they had been threatening to do, then caught Dons on the counterattack as M'Poku found sub Tehoue who was able to turn Flanagan and tuck Orient's third into the bottom corner.

Flanagan was then denied a leveller when Jones made a brilliant rstop on the line to prevent the defender heading in Leven's corner.

In the closing stages Dons desperately claimed a thunderous header by Sean O'Hanlon had been handled on the line, but the home side were left to feel hard done by as key decision went against them.

MK DONS: Martin, Lewington (c), Kouo-Doumbe (Amoo 90), OHanlon, Gleeson, Vine, Ibehre (Powell 45), Marsh-Brown, Leven, Flanagan (Stirling 84), Chadwick.
Booked: Gleeson
LEYTON ORIENT: Jones, Omozusi, Whing, Chorley, Cox, Dawson (c), Revell (Tehoue 69), Daniels, Crowe, Smith, M'Poku (Caroll 90). Booked: Whing
Referee: Brendan Malone (Wiltshire)
Attendance: 6,469

COMING UP

HARTLEPOOL
League One
Saturday, February 19
Victoria Park KO 3pm

THE stand out result last season was Dons' 5-0 demolition of Hartlepool United on their own turf.

Prior to that the Dons had only won once at Victoria Park.

With games in hand Hartlepool are one of a number of clubs who could still be late runners for a place in the League One play-offs.

First team coach Mick Wadsworth counted the cost of his side's poor defending in their 4-1 defeat to league leaders Brighton & Hove Albion.

Gary MacKenzie is once again available after serving his two match suspension.

Last night Hartlepool were in action against Charlton at Victoria Park.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC
League One
Tuesday, February 22
stadiummk KO 7.45pm

OLDHAM Athletic are the next team to travel to stadiummk.

Managed by former Manchester City and Leicester City midfielder Paul Dickov, Oldham have ambitions of their own to reach the League One play-off finals this campaign.

Their form on the road has been impressive as they have suffered just four defeats in their 14 games away from Boundary Park, although Latics' away form has been littered with six draws.

Their recent goalless draw at Huddersfield Town earned the Latics' players praise from Dickov.

Defender and skipper Reuben Hazell will be welcomed back into the Latics' line-up after serving a two match ban for collating 10 yellow cards.

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Let's celebrate: Dean Lewington, scorer of the Dons' first goal against the O's last night, about to be mobbed by his team mates

Dull draw as Dons have an 'off day'

MK DONS 1 BRENTFORD 1

Marsh-Brown 48 Grabban 50

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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KEANU Marsh-Brown's first senior goal was the highlight of a drab 1-1 draw between MK Dons and Brentford.

The winger, on loan from Fulham, provided bursts of excitement and a neat finish in an improved second-half at stadiummk, but sloppy defending cost Dons victory.

Marsh-Brown, 18, linked up with Jabo Ibehre and Luke Chadwick in a lightning counter attack before firing in the latter's cross to break the deadlock three minutes into the second-half.

And he could have been on the score sheet again when he his chip over Bees keeper Richard Lee trickled wide.

That miss came after Bees equalised through an unmarked Lewis Grabban who tucked in Leon Legge's cross.

Dons boss Karl Robinson voiced his appreciation for the goal on an 'off day' for the Dons.

He said: "It's a wonderful goal, the goals that I love to see, great passing movement, running direct at people.

"He should have scored again, it was disappointing. I thought a man of his quality he should have put that away."

Robinson took the positives from the draw which included a strong showing from Rowan Vine, who has extended his loan spell by a further month, on his first start.

He said: "I thought Rowan Vine, at times, showed the quality that he's got – we need to get him a little bit fitter but he showed quality.

"Out of all of them up top I thought he was the one first-half who give the ball away fewest out of him, Keanu, (Daniel) Powelly and Jabo (Ibehre). The way the boys have been playing lately they've been magnificent and this was an off day, a dull day for them all."

Lions make move on BBL play-off spot

BASKETBALL

MK LIONS 101 Nelson 33, Myers 28, Bolds 1)

PLYMOUTH 100 Zabas 30, Gumbs 23, Rowe 20)

ESSEX 74 Sturt 21, Briglia 15, Anderson 12

MK LIONS 105 Gill 41, Bolds 17, Myers 12

BACK-TO-BACK wins have boosted MK Lions' hopes of a BBL play-off spot.

The Lions' resurgence has seen them extend their unbeaten run to six and with games in hand they could still rally to a home play-off tie.

Lions produced a fine performance to clinch a hard-fought single-point win over Plymouth Raiders on Friday, with Travis Nelson netting 33 points, before getting the better of Essex Pirates with a match clinching second quarter display.

Stefan Gill was in excellent form for the Lions with 41 points, bagging seven three-pointers in a profitable night.

Pirates, searching for their first win of the season, fought back after trailing 11-19 midway through the opening quarter to be just 28-30 down after ten minutes.

But Lions turned on the style in the second quarter to end any hopes Pirates would have had of stealing a maiden win.

The in-form Lions ran amok as they put together a superb 30-6 run up to half-time.

Gill drained two threes during the tear to help himself to 25 first half points as Lions' offence clicked into gear. By the time Gill assisted on a Jack Thompson two the margin was 37-62.

Essex had the better of the third quarter to close the gap slightly to 58-77 with ten minutes to play but Lions again dominated in the final stanza with Lawrence Brown making it 70-100 and Ishmael Fontaine twice giving the visitors their largest lead of the evening at 33 points.

■ LIONS are at home to Cheshire Jets at Winterhill on Friday, tip-off 7.30pm, and on Sunday they travel to Glasgow Rocks, tip-off 5.30pm.

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning suffer from slow starts

MK Lightining 2 Guildford Flames 4

Manchester Phoenix 5 MK Lightining 4

TOO little too late was the message for MK Lightning as they suffered defeats at the hands of Guildford Flames and Manchester Phoenix.

A slow start cost Lightning two points in their match with the Flames, but they failed to learn their lesson and once again ran out of time to stage a full comeback as they were beaten by Phoenix.

Flames, visiting Planet Ice for the second time in as many weeks, made the ideal when Nathan Rempel slotted home two short-handed goals in 17 seconds.

Rempel then completed a hat-trick in the second period when he latched on to a pass from David Longstaff and beat goalie Barry Hollyhead one on one.

At 3-0 down coach Nick Poole reshuffled his team, moving Adam Carr into defence and Leigh Jamieson to the right wing, which paid off when Jamieson scored two goals within eight minutes in the final quarter.

However, any hopes of Lightning taking the game into overtime were ended when they withdrew netminder Hollyhead to add an extra skater to the line-up which allowed Guildford's Matt Towe to ensure a 4-2 win for his side.

Lightning's lethargic approach was punished the following day when Manchester Phoenix opened up a 5-0 lead with only 15 minutes remaining.

But Lightning shocked their hosts when they hit back with four goals in the space of ten minutes.

Lukas Zatopek in action against Guildford Picture:Jez Tibbetts

Blaz Emersic scored from a Gary Clarke pass at 46:37, then Monir Kalgoum scored his first since returning from injury.

Carr scored an unassisted goal and converted a penalty shot but with only four minutes to fond an equaliser Lightning ran out of time.

The 5-4 defeat leaves Lightning fifth in the English Ice Hockey Premier League.

■ LIGHTNING are at home to Telford Tigers on Saturday, face-off 7pm, and on Sunday they travel to Basingstoke Bison, face-off 5.30pm.

MK sprint stars both take bronze

ATHLETICS

SPRINT stars Craig Pickering and Joey Duck won bronze at the Indoor UK Trials and Championships in Sheffield last weekend.

Pickering's time in the 60 metres improved over the weekend's heats from 6.77seconds to 6.68s, a time that helped him qualify for the final.

But the final was a familiar story as World and European indoor champion Dwain Chambers won his fourth consecutive 60m title.

Chambers ran in a time of 6.57s to beat second placed Harry Aikines who ran a time of 6.64, while Pickering clinched third place in 6.67s.

Twenty-one-year-old Duck impressed during the trails with a second place in the 200m heats in a time of 23.84, but a slowed performance in the final, 23.93, was enough for her to take bronze.

Paul Erwood failed to qualify in the men's 1500m while Chloe Whally and Sophie Wilkins finished fifth in their heats in the 60m hurdles and 400m respectively.

MK athletes will be back in action at this weekend's Aviva Grand Prix in Birmingham.

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Back-to-back wins boost Lions – see page 67

Poulter on for repeat in Arizona

PRO GOLF

IAN Poulter is set to start the defence of his WGC-Accenture Match Play title against 2009 Open champion Stewart Cink if all the world's top 64 show up in Tucson next week.

Last year Woburn Golf professional Poulter became the first Englishman to win the tournament when he beat compatriot Paul Casey 4 and 2 to lift the trophy and pocket £907,113 in prize money.

But this season's competition looks set to be tougher than ever.

Thomas Bjorn's reward for leaping into the field with his Qatar Masters victory a week ago could be a duel with Tiger Woods.

With Phil Mickelson having decided to return to the event after missing it last year the only current doubt is Francesco Molinari, who confirms his decision later this week.

The only change in the game's top 64 in the final week of qualifying was Dane Anders Hansen replacing former winner Henrik Stenson thanks to his joint runners-up finish at the Dubai Desert Classic.

World number one Lee Westwood will face Japan's Toru Taniguchi in the opening round, while the only all-European clash in the provisional draw is Scot Martin Laird against Molinari's brother Edoardo.

Stenson, now ranked 65th, becomes the first reserve for the event and if there are withdrawals before next weekend the draw is adjusted.

Daniel Powell denies himself a possible penalty as hurdles a clumsy tackle from Leyton Orient's keeper Jamie Jones

Orient express

MK Dons 2
Leyton Orient 3

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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LEYTON Orient twice came from behind to end MK Dons' five-match unbeaten run at stadiummk last night.

The defeat is a bitter pill for Karl Robinson and his men to swallow as a strong performance went without reward and saw the Dons drop to eighth in the League One table.

A stunning strike from skipper Dean Lewington and a bundled Jabo Ibehre goal put Dons in front on two occasions in the first-half, but a brace from Jamie Smith, the second of which had more than a hint of offside, levelled the scores at two apiece at half-time.

But though Dons huffed and puffed in the second-half it was Orient, awaiting their date with Arsenal in the Fifth Round of the FA Cup on Sunday, who found the winner through substitute Jonathan Tehoe 16 minutes from time in an absorbing game.

Three weeks ago the two sides played out an entertaining 2-2 draw at Brisbane Road where the scoring began with a superb Stephen Gleeson strike.

Orient must have been wondering whether Dons ever scored bad goals when Lewington buried the first effort of the night in the sixth minute.

The O's cleared Peter Leven's corner as far as Lewington who was stood 25-yards out and looked less than concerned as the ball fell to the left-back.

However, they all looked on as

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Olney losing touch with table toppers

RUGBY

SOUTH WEST 1 EAST

Marlow 55
Olney 31

OLNEY suffered their second heavy defeat in as many weeks as they were thumped by Marlow.

Marlow bagged a half century of points against Olney, just as Maidenhead had a week earlier.

Sixth placed Marlow dominated from the first to the last whistle as Olney's defence caved in.

James Hannah bagged a brace of tries and James Padfield, John Robinson and Phil Berry also registered scores.

James Hawken kicked six points but it was not enough to prevent a heavy defeat for the visitors.

The recent results have seen Olney fall to fourth in the table and they are now a massive 21 points behind league leaders Maidenhead.

This Saturday Olney face Wimbourne at home.

Reading Abbey 47
Bletchley 19

BLETCHLEY are just five points clear from the bottom of the table following their loss to Reading Abbey.

The Manor Fields team have now lost 13 games this season and have only managed to record five wins.

Bletchley have the fifth worst 'points against' tally, 435 in the South West 1 East division.

And Reading Abbey were able to take full advantage of Bletchley's fragile defence as they ran in seven tries.

Bletchley could only find one in response to Reading Abbey's powerful display.

They will be hoping to bounce back from their poor run of form when they travel to mid-table Witney on Saturday.

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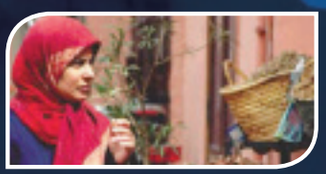

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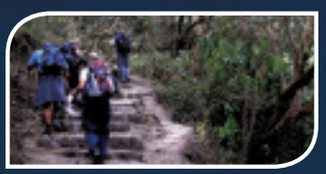

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